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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Marcos Ceaca-Jimenez, 19, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to three years in prison for possessing a firearm while illegally present in the United States.

Judge Crabb indicated that she was imposing the three-year sentence because Ceaca-Jimenez, a member of the South Side Locos street gang in Madison, possessed a firearm and ammunition while traveling to retaliate against a former member of the South Side Locos who was attempting to remove himself from the gang.

The charge against Ceaca-Jimenez was the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Madison Police Department. United States Attorney Peterson stated, "ATF and the Madison Police Department worked together proactively to prevent a violent gun crime. While this is a serious offense, it could have been much worse if not for the active intervention of law enforcement."

The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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